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FOR A/OS DR. VINCENT MCGUGAN FROM CONSUL GENERAL

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE COLEGIO AMERICANO
DE GUAYAQUIL

1. GIVEN BELOW IS SUMMARY OF GRANT ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR COLEGIO AMERICANO DE GUAYAQUIL TO BE EXPENDED DURING SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR EXTENDING FROM 1 MAY 1975 TO 30 APRIL 1976. ASSISTANCE REQUEST AGREED UPON AT APRIL 15 MEETING ATTENDED BY ACTING SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT THOMAS HOLLIHAN, SCHOOL DIRECTOR LOWELL WHITEMAN, CONSUL GENERAL, AND CONSULS KELLER AND LEON. FORMS FS-573 AND FS-574 WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT SOONEST.

2. TYPES AND ESTIMATED COSTS OF NEW ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:

SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF - DOLS 40,000
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT - DOLS 10,000
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS- DOLS 3,000
CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT - ----
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS (SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL
PROGRAM) - DOLS 5,000
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED - DOLS 58,000.

3. JUSTIFICATION: SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

THE MONIES REQUESTED FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD BE SPENT AS FOLLOWS:

SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR - DOLS 10,000
SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR U.S. CIT. TEACHERS- DOLS 22,000
SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - DOLS 6,000
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SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR LIBRARIAN - DOLS 2,000

TOTAL: DOLS 40,000

THE COLEGIO AMERICANO HAS FOR THE MOST PART RESOLVED THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT IT FACED IN THE EARLY 1970'S WHICH INCLUDED LABOR-MANAGE-

MENT DISPUTES AND A LACK OF HARMONY BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL'S TWO TRACK SYSTEM. THE SCHOOL'S LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. THE GRANT REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT AIMS AT IMPROVING ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, THE SCHOOL'S MOST GLARING WEAKNESS AT PRESENT. THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED THE HIRING OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND A CANDIDATE HAS BEEN SELECTED. THIS IS NOT REGARDED AS A PERMANENT POSITION BUT ONE THAT MAY BE PHASED OUT IN A FEW YEARS AFTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. THE DIRECTOR HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A RECRUITING TRIP AND IT APPEARS THAT HE WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT STAFF FOR THE COMING YEAR. TEACHER'S SALARIES, WHILE STILL LOW, HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY INCREASED. IT IS HOPED THAT THE INCREASED SALARIES COMBINED WITH IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION WILL ELIMINATE THE UNACCEPTABLE HIGH RATE OF TEACHER TURNOVER EXPERIENCED BY THE SCHOOL IN THE PAST. IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER YEARS, GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED UNDER THIS SECTION REFLECT A DECREASE IN THE SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR AND THE LIBRARIAN, A SLIGHT INCREASE IN TEACHER SALARY SUPPLEMENT, AND THE ADDITION OF A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

4. JUSTIFICATION: EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

LIBRARY BOOKS	- DOLS 5,000
CASSETTE PLAYERS	- DOLS 800
PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY LAB EQUIPMENT	DOLS 3,200
SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM	- DOLS 1,000
TOTAL:	DOLS 10,000

AWAY FROM POST SCHOOL ALLOWANCE NOW APPROVED FOR 11TH AND 12TH GRADE. BY UPGRADING FACILITIES WE HOPE THAT COURSES OFFERED AT THIS LEVEL WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PERMIT ALL HIGH SCHOOL AGE DEPENDENTS TO ATTEND COLEGIO AMERICANO.

5. JUSTIFICATION: SCHOLARSHIPS.

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TWENTY PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ECUADOREAN STUDENTS AT DOLS 150.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF DOLS 3,000. TO CONTINUE ONGOING PROGRAM.

6. JUSTIFICATION: SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS.

SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL OF DOLS 5,000. TO BE USED FOR TEACHER EXCHANGE WITH ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO OBTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE FROM THAT SCHOOL. THE NEW

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHOULD VISIT THE SISTER SCHOOL EN ROUTE TO GUAYAQUIL AND WE HOPE ST. BERNARD CAN SEND US SOME OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL FOR A SHORT VISIT TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND COUNSEL ON OUR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

7. COMMENT: (A) THOMAS HOLLIHAN, WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS, HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE IN POSITION AS ACTING PRESIDENT. AT APRIL 3 BOARD MEETING, GUILLERMO ALBAN WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT; PETER KESSLER, SECRETARY. BOARD WORKING WITH PARENTS ADVISORY COMITE WHICH HAS MEMBER IN OBSERVER STATUS AT BOARD MEETINGS.
(B) AT APRIL 3 BOARD MEETING AUDIT AND FINANCE COMITE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AUDIT OF SCHOOL. COMITE IS CHAIRED BY JOSE GARCIA (ARTHUR ANDERSON); OTHER MEMBERS ARE JAMES MCPHERSON (EMPRESA ELECTRICA), AND DANTE LA GATTA (COMPANIA DE CERVEZAS). ACTING BOARD PRESIDENT AND SCHOOL DIRECTOR INFORMED THAT NO FUNDS FROM GRANT FOR SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR MAY 1975-APRIL 1976 MAY BE EXPENDED UNTIL SATISFACTORY AUDIT COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISION OF GRANT.

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